



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)	
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Mastronarde et al.)	
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Serial No.: 10/038,941)	Art Unit: 2186
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Filed: December 31, 2001)	Examiner: Thai, Tuan V.
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For: A Memory Arbiter with Grace and Ceiling)	Confirmation No.: 8498
<u>Periods and Intelligent Page Gathering Logic</u>)	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants file this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Preliminary Amendment in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action of January 13, 2005. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.